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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN CONCERN OVER RELEASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT

- 1. PRESS HAS BEGUN TO FOCUS ON DEPARTMENT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON BRAZIL INDICATING THAT IT WAS PREPARED BY THE EMBASSY AND ALSO IS TERMING IT THE "CRIMMINS REPORT." WE ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO CLARIFY THAT THE REPORT WAS PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH, OF COURSE, CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE EMBASSY.
- 2. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM LOCAL JOURNALISTS THAT O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO HAS OBTAINED A COPY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT AND WILL PUBLISH IT IN ITS MARCH 9 ISSUE (TOMORROW). ACCORDING TO REPUTABLE PRESS SOURCE, ESTADO GOT A COPY OF REPORT FROM US CONGRESS. WE ANTICIPATE ITAMARATY, AND POSSIBLY PRESS QUERIES, ABOUT WHO LEAKED REPORT TO O ESTADO. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO REPLY TO THESE CONFIDENTIAL

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QUERIES BY INDICATING THAT IT WAS NOT LEAKED FROM THE DEPARTMENT, IF INDEED THE DEPARTMENT CAN CONFIRM THAT WAS THE CASE. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO PERMIT ANY LEAKAGE HERE OF THE REPORT'S TEXT.

3. FYI: AS WE HAVE REPORTED (SEPTEL), PRESS CLAIMS THAT GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS RELEASE OF THE REPORT WOULD REPRESENT A

PROVOCATION--"AN ACT OF AGRESSION." SEVERAL LARGE PAPERS CITING UNNAMED OFFICIAL SOURCES REPORT THAT PUBLICATION WOULD RESULT IN A STRONG GOB REACTION, MOST LIKELY A "BRUISING NOTE" AND POSSIBLY BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO'S RECALL FROM WASHINGTON. END FYI. CRIMMINS

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